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Crashed Aircraft Site Report

Date Visited: 07 Aug 2020.

Model & Serial Number: C-54D #42-72469, pending imaging analysis of glacier subsurface and/or site excavation.

GPS Coordinates: N 61-15-27.31 W 139-21-01.41.

Datum: WGS 84.

Country: Canada.

State/Province/District: Yukon Territory.

Nearest Town/Village: Burwash Landing.

Distance/Direction: 3-day trek W of Burwash Landing.

Altitude: 7,546 ft.

Topography: Mountains, glacier.

Aspect: NE.

Terrain Notes: Glacier.

Vegetation: Grasses in drainage below glacier.

Nearest Water: Small stream flowing from NW end of glacier.

Site Disturbance: Significant disturbance caused by snow avalanches, rockfalls, crevasses and glacier migration.

Aircraft ID Method: C-54 aircraft wreckage was documented. There is no prior report of a C-54 crash site discovery in this area. Archival info from the Report of Major Accident indicates this is C-54D #42-72469.

Engines/Propellers: Undetermined.

Wreckage/Artifacts/ID Tags: Wreckage found on glacier and in drainage below glacier.

Human Remains: None seen by investigator.

Removed from Site: Nothing removed by investigator. Not known if others removed anything.

Photos: See website for photos. Additional photos/video on file.

Misc. Notes: Estimated point of impact was Burwash Glacier or ridge along NE edge of glacier, near NW end of glacier. Burwash Glacier lies along NE base of Mount Hoge and flows from SE to NW. NW end of glacier is base of glacier. Base of glacier is in narrow draw. Snow avalanches come down onto glacier from flanks of Mount Hoge during winter months. Rockfalls come down onto glacier during the summer months. Rockfalls occurred almost constantly during site visit in Aug. It's a very unstable area and dangerous to linger in. There's also a high-probability the glacier has some hidden crevasses as well as the visible crevasses. Evidence indicates C-54 wreckage is buried within glacier under an accumulation of ice and rock.

Access is from Alcan Hwy near Burwash Landing. Go W following Duke River upstream. Cross over mountain ridge to W and enter Burwash River watershed. Trek upstream to Burwash Creek. Burwash Creek flows from NW end of glacier and is a tributary of Kluane River. Areas searched include Duke River, Burwash Uplands, Badlands Creek, Granite Creek watershed, Granite Glacier, Burwash Glacier and NE aspect of Mount Hoge.

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